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The current definition of religious employer does not provide true conscience protection for those committed to preserving life. Healthcare plans should not be forced to violate the moral and religious convictions of providers or employees in order to participate in the health care system. Requiring such an unacceptable demand threatens both universal access to health care and religious freedom of conscience.

Under the proposed definition a "religious exemption" is allowed only if the health care provider primarily serves or employees of its own faith. This means that not even the Missionaries of Charity (founded by Mother Teresa!) would qualify simply because they serve everyone in the belief that we are all God's children.

Our country is risking throwing away freedom of religion by tolerating such terrible mandates. Please take action to oppose this so called "health care reform."

Sincerely,
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